

REMARKS

This reply encompasses a bona fide attempt to address the rejections raised by the Examiner and presents amendments placing the present application in a condition for allowance.

Regarding Claim Status

Claims 1-35 were examined. Claims 1-35 were rejected. Claims 5 and 7 were objected to. Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, and 21 are amended herein. Claims 4, 13-20 and 25-35 are cancelled herein. By this Amendment, claims 1-12 and 21-24 are pending.

Regarding Claim Objections

Claims 5 and 7 were objected to for their use of “means for” language. This language has been eliminated, as suggested by the examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5 and 7 should be allowed.

Regarding 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 13-20 and 25-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement and the written description requirement. Claims 13-20 and 25-35 have been cancelled herein, rendering the rejections moot.

Regarding Examiner's Response to Arguments

Regarding Applicants response to the Drawings

The Examiner contends that the drawing submitted with the previous Office Action contains new matter and thus the objection is maintained. This drawing is hereby eliminated in the present amendment.

Regarding Applicants amendment to the specification

The Examiner contends that there is no support for the amendment to the specification made in the most recent response, and thus the amendment is objected to. This amendment to the specification is hereby eliminated in the present amendment.

Regarding Applicants response to the 101 rejection

The Examiner states that the tangible result issue is not fully resolved, and therefore has maintained the rejection. Applicants have revised the claims according to the Examiner's suggestions, thereby placing the claims in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the invention as set forth in amended independent claims 1, 10, and 21 recite a tangible result, under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Accordingly, claims 1, 10, and 21 are submitted to be patentable and therefore should be allowed. Claims 2-9, 11-12, and 22-24 are submitted to be patentable as they are dependent on independent claims 1, 10, and 21, respectively.

This Reply is submitted to be complete and proper in that it places the present application in a condition for allowance without adding new matter. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims 1-12 and 21-24 are therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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